(iii) & (iv) *Equal access in all spheres of economic activity; and right to own immovable property in India:* NRIs holding Indian Citizenship are treated at par with resident Indians for purposes of participating in all spheres of economic activity in India. Persons of Indian origin holding foreign citizenship are, however, not permitted to purchase agricultural/plantation property in India. NRIs can purchase property for residential purposes subject to the permission of the R.B.I. under Section 31 (1) of FERA. They can also purchase property necessary for carrying on commercial activities subject to clearance from the Reserve Bank of India under Section 29 of FERA.

Loss of video cassettes and Defence matter from Doordarshan Kendra Srinagar

206. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some important video cassettes on the strategic Siachin Glacier showing improtant locations and deployment of Indian troops have been found missing from the archives of Srinagar Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the outcome of the inquiry, if any, conducted by Government into the missing video cassettes of vital military importance stating the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) Reports to this effect appearing in a Section of the press were not substantiated on enquiry.

Fresh formula for resolving boundary dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka

207. SHRI VISHWAS RAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved any fresh formula resolving the boundary dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Government of India have been of the view that this dispute can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned and towards this end the Central Government will be glad to extend all possible assistance to them.

Expansion of communication facility in Maharashtra

208. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what steps have been taken by Government for expansion of Communication facility in remote and interior areas of Maharashtra ; and

(b) what is the number of Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and Telephone Exchanges which are proposed to be opened in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) During the period 1-4-85 to 31-10-89, 203 new post offices have been opened in the rural areas of Maharashtra.